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Sen. Charles McC. Mathias
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mac,

Now that your intelligence committee and subcommittee reports are about due I write with an update on some of my work and to make several requests to one of which you responded with a promise your staff did not keep.

Once it became apparent that those generally covered by the term "critics" had no interest in a responsible relationship with the Congress and that the Members were receptive to these self-promoters and special pleaders than to what might accomplish a legislative and I think national purpose, I shifted gears and have spent most of my time, I think quite productively, back on the King assassination.

The October morning I learned I had phlebitis I had what I wrongly took as a very encouraging meeting with Senator Schweiker. He impressed me so much it diminished the acute pain. But between lack of knowledge, wrong influences and an inability to resist temptation he promptly took what I'd like to believe he now recognizes as the wrong road.

Prior to and after that when I was asked I met with and prepared positions papers for the staffs of other Members. This does not include Senator Hart. His silence mystifies me because he is on Schweiker's subcommittee. One subcommittee held a successful hearing on material I supplied and can't get returned. That chairperson did not live up to advance billing. There was no followup when the potential was enormous.

In short, there was neither encouragement nor the prospect of real accomplishment. Except for several press conferences, which did deter what to me is evil somewhat and did get some information out, I have been and expect to be publicly silent except when I'm asked and the results seem worth the time and effort now that I can't work 20 hours a day every day.

I hope this will mean that when there is a real interest some credibility will be left and more information will have been put together.

I'm sorry about what has not been done. But between the real political hazards to the members and the hangups of staffers with preconcepetions and pasts I guess this was not the time.

I have received the assassinations and Chile reports of your committee but nothing else. I'd appreciate any volumes that have been printed and those that will be. If there are any records that do not have to be kept secret and are available I'd appreciate them if not for my own work now for archival purposes.

The FBI and CIA have been stonewalling on my requests for their files on me. I have more not provided by the CIA than it has provided. After about six months since the latest request of the FBI I'm waiting for simple response. The CIA initially denied having anything at all. Then it delivered much less than I have and proof of more not delivered.

There is no doubt that I was included in the domestic activities of both agencies, as you spected 11 years ago. There also is no doubt that neither agency is about to be honest about it. TheCIA has acknowledged less interest than it had in my writing, on my King assassination book only, and in my signing the writers' and editors' protest againt the Veitnam war.

It appears certain that my mail was interfered with and that one result was to block publication in England. Some mail was long delayed, costing me a contract because the publisher was in the interim fed misinformation. Other mail was neither delivered for returned. I sent the chapters of my second book to my London agent as I wrote them. He did not get a single chapter I sent by first-class mail. For a time when publication where the press is supposedly free I tried Czechoslavakia and East Germany so from what is public it would seem that my mail was intercepted.

I have no way of knowing if I was on the anti-war watch list your committee looked into but the CIA has me in its anti-war file because they did deliver a record from it.

Some of these things may show in your committee's files. If they do and there is no requirement of secrecy I'd appreciate copies so I can use them to establish more non-compliance than I now can.

If I have no proof I do believe that the real inspiration for the Department of Justice's promises of a new King assassination investigation (as distinguished from Levi's several promises of investigations of Hoover's abuse of King and the non-question, did the FBI kill him) stem from my perseverance in court (C.A.75-1996) for the suppressed evidence. I have enough now to leave no doubt of the deliberateness of the coverup and that it was from the first intended. We've had two calendar calls at each of which unkept promises were made to the jydge and us. The next one is set for May 5. At the last one half of what the Civil Rights Division was supposed to have been delivered was ready and to have been turned over, the rest was to have been ready before yesterday. To date no single sheet of paper. The Bureau and the Department and the United States Attorney, for example, all claim that in this, the second largest investigation in FBI history, they have no single picture of the scene of the crime. As of today no other division has found a record after a year. I paid the FBI $14 for an alleged search and received a total of seven documents all of which could have come from a single file. I paid it for 10 pictyres more than two weeks ago and haven't gotten one.

I ma most of the way through the draft of a new book on the King assassination. Not on Ray. This, of course, slows me down more than the problems from the phlebitis. In this work I have established that King was killed in Memphis only because the FBI, as part of the Cointelpros program, caused the violence that forced him to return. They provided the provocateurs. This is among the hangups then and now. This sequel to Frame-Up will be largely on the "new" evidence. Old to the government, which suppressed. Correctly figuring out what Adams was hiding when he testified before your committee gave me the Conitelpros lead. His statement did not include this. Nor did the interests of some of the committee's staff on this aspect.

Thanks for anything you can do. Our best to Ann and the boys, too.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg